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## American TV News Anchor Inspires Counterparts and Journalism Students



The Consulate General in Jerusalem hosted Richard Lui, a daytime anchor at MSNBC, for discussions and presentations in Ramallah and Jerusalem with presenters and anchors from several Palestinian television stations and other journalists, NGO representatives, and journalism students from Al-Quds University. Mr. Lui spoke about his experience as the first Asian American male to anchor a daily, national cable show in the United States and his commitment to learn about the world around him in order to be a better journalist and advance causes he believes in, and his work to improve the lives of people in his community and throughout the world. With journalism students, Mr. Lui shared ideas and effective techniques to enhance presenters' enunciation and presentation skills.

## مقدم أمريكي للأخبار التلفزيونية يلهم نظرائه وطلاب في الإعلام

استضافت القنصلية الأمريكية العامة في القدس ريتشارد لوي، مقدم الأخبار في محطة MSNBC وهي محطة أخبار مستقلة لعقد نقاشات ومحاضرات في رام الله والقدس. وقد اشتمل برنامج زيارته الذي استمر لمدة يوم واحد على نقاشات مع مقدمي الأخبار من عدة محطات تلفزيونية بالإضافة لورشة عمل مع طلاب الإعلام من جامعة القدس ونقاشات مع الجمهور في القدس. وقد تحدث خلال لقاءاته مع نظرائه الفلسطينيين، عن خبرته كاول مقدم أخبار أسبوي في برنامج لمحطة وطنية أمريكية وعن التزامه للتعليم من العالم حوله لتحسين اداءه كصحفي ودعم القضايا التي يهتم بها، و عن عمله لتحسين حياة الناس في مجتمعه وحول العالم. وقد تبادل لوي والمشاركون الفلسطينيون الأفكار وتجارب العمل كإعلاميين في الصحافة المرئية بما فيها التقنيات والمهارات لتحسين قدرات الالتقاء والنطق.

## U.S. Consulate Reception Honors U.S. Exchange Program Alumni



The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem hosted a reception to honor alumni of U.S. exchange programs who had given voluntarily of their time to serve as panelists at the U.S. Consulate-sponsored Alumni Networking and Community Engagement Seminar held in Jericho last month. Fourteen alumni from cities throughout the West Bank attended the reception held at the Consulate General in Jerusalem. Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer Erin Mai thanked the attendees for being mentors to the younger generation of U.S. Government alumni in attendance at the Jericho Conference, and praised them for their role in inspiring the young students to develop community initiatives—five of which will receive small grants from the Consulate to implement their initiatives. Acting Public Affairs Officer Arlissa Reynolds distributed certificates of appreciation and praised the alumni for their dedication to the youth of the Palestinian Territories and their communities.







## **America House in Jerusalem**

is pleased to announce the following programs  
at our new location in the U.S. Consulate building on Nablus Road

### **Open Hours for the library during the week of June 4:**

Tuesday and Thursday, 2:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Browse our books and magazines.  
Feel free to take a book outside and read in the garden.

## ***English Corner***

Come out and practice your English

**Tuesday, June 5, 2012, 4:00 PM at America House**

**This week's discussion topic: Achieving your Goals**

Are you trying to improve your English? Do you find yourself too shy to speak sometimes?

Come to America House and join us for some casual English conversation practice. All levels are welcome – we'll split into groups based on levels. No tests! No quizzes! - Just plain fun.

During this session, we will talk about our goals. Please bring one example of a goal you have for the future, one goal that you are proud of achieving and one example of a goal that you had, but weren't able to complete. We will use these during the activity.

For those of you who have a high level of English, we encourage you to come and join us too and help others to improve their English.

**Venue:** America House, U.S. Consulate Building, Nablus Road, Jerusalem

**Please Note:** Please bring an ID to show at the door

### **America House Small Grants Program – Proposals currently being accepted**

Proposals for Jerusalem-based programs are currently being accepted for the America House Small Grants Program. Please visit <http://jerusalem.usconsulate.gov/americahouse2.html> for more information and the application.

Proposals are due by June 4, 2012

To be added to America House's mailing list, please e-mail [JerusalemAmericaHouse@state.gov](mailto:JerusalemAmericaHouse@state.gov) or call 02-563-4029.

*America House is the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem's cultural center in East Jerusalem and was established in 2010.*

## **Call for Proposals**

America House opens its second call for small grant proposals and is looking for innovative projects/programs to be implemented in Jerusalem that focus on one or more of the following:

- Improve mutual understanding, dialogue, cooperation between Jerusalemites and Americans;
- Address a cultural, educational, economic, or social issue/ need in the community; and
- Promote shared values and culture.

In addition, proposals should address one or more of these topics:

- Educational
- Civil Society and Democracy
- Social Media
- Cultural
- Youth Engagement
- Science and Technology
- Women Empowerment
- People Living with Disabilities

Grants may be awarded up to a maximum of US\$10,000. Proposals that include multiple sources of funding and creative techniques to reduce costs will receive favorable consideration. Working with other partner organizations is encouraged.

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

1. The applying organization should be a nongovernmental and/or nonprofit organization.
2. Projects should be implemented in Jerusalem and involve primarily Jerusalem participants.
3. Requested budget should not exceed US\$10,000.

### **Instructions for Applying for a Grant:**

- Application may be submitted in English or Arabic
- Send your application in a **Microsoft Word** format
- Limit your grant proposal to a maximum of five (7) pages (**not including CV's**)

**All applications should include a complete grant proposal. The application deadline is June 4, 2012.**

All proposals and questions should be directed to the following email:

JerusalemAmericaHouse@state.gov

Closing date for application is June 4, 2012. Successful applicants will be notified by June 25, 2012.

Good luck with your proposals!

### **GRANT PROPOSAL APPLICATION**

## Secretary Clinton on Release of 2011 Human Rights Report



“Now, as you know, this has been an especially tumultuous and momentous year for everyone involved in the cause of human rights. Many of the events that have dominated recent headlines from the revolutions in the Middle East to reforms in Burma began with human rights, with the clear call of men and women demanding their universal rights.

Today in Egypt, we are seeing in real time that those demands are making a difference as Egyptians are going to the polls to determine for the first time in their history who their leaders will be. Whatever the outcome of the election, the Egyptian people will keep striving to achieve their aspirations. And as they do, we will continue to support them.

We will support people everywhere who seek the same. Men and women who want to speak, worship, associate, love the way they choose – we will defend their rights; not just on the day we issue these reports, but every day.

As Secretary, I have worked with my superb team on advancing human rights in a 21st century landscape, focusing on new frontiers even as we stand up against age-old abuses. Where women have been and continue to be marginalized, we’re helping them become full partners in their governments and economies. Where LGBT people are mistreated and discriminated against, we’re working to bring them into full participation in their societies. We’re expanding access to technology and defending internet freedom because people deserve the same rights online as off. And we know that in the 21st century human rights are not only a question of civil and political liberties, it’s about the fundamental question of whether people everywhere have the chance to make the most of their God-given potential.”

**See Also: 2011 U.S. Human Rights Reports Chronicle "Momentous Year"**

### تصريحات الوزيرة كلينتون حول إصدار تقرير حقوق الإنسان للعام 2011

"والآن، كما تعلمون، لقد كانت هذه السنة حافلة بالاضطرابات وهامة جداً بالنسبة لجميع المعنيين بقضايا حقوق الإنسان. لقد بدأت الكثير من الأحداث التي هيمنت على عناوين الصحف ابتداء من الثورات التي اندلعت في الشرق الأوسط وصولاً إلى إصلاحات بورما، بقضايا حقوق الإنسان، وبدعوات واضحة أطلقها الرجال والنساء للمطالبة بحقوقهم الأساسية.

واليوم نشهد في مصر، وفي الوقت الحقيقي، أن هذه المطالب أصبحت تحدث فرقاً في الوقت الذي يتوجه فيه المصريون إلى صناديق الاقتراع لكي يقرروا لأول مرة في تاريخهم من سيكون قادتهم. ومهما كانت نتائج الانتخابات، سوف يستمر الشعب المصري في السعي لتحقيق تطلعاته. وفي الوقت الذي يسعون فيه لذلك، سوف نواصل دعمنا لهم.

سوف ندعم أبناء الشعوب كافة، في كل مكان، الذين يسعون إلى تحقيق نفس هذا الشيء. فبالنسبة للرجال والنساء الذين ينشدون حرية التعبير، والعبادة، والتجمع، والذين يعشقون الطريق التي يختارونها، فإننا سوف ندافع عن حقوقهم وليس يوم صدور هذه التقارير فحسب، بل وأيضاً في كل يوم."

## **Secretary Clinton Meets With Middle East Democracy Activists**



Secretary Clinton: “We just want to continue encouraging you, supporting you where we can in your efforts to stand up for democracy – real democracy – and the human rights of every human being, and to help advance the cause of progress and freedom every way that you are already doing so. And we’re very proud of what you are doing. And we know it’s not an easy path to be on, but history has, I think, shown time and time again that you are on the right side of history. ...And I hope that as part of your dialogue with all of our team, you’ll give us your very honest assessments about what we can do, what we should not do, what the best ways to try to support you are, what works, what doesn’t work, because we admire greatly not only what you’re doing, but what your countries are trying to do. And I often remind my own fellow Americans that it took us a long time to try to make sure we dealt with all of the issues – our Constitution enshrined slavery and we had to overcome that; it eliminated the right for women to vote and we had to overcome that....”

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## **Secretary Clinton on International Day of UN Peacekeepers**



“I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to all the men and women who serve in United Nations peacekeeping operations around the world and to honor the memory of those who have lost their lives in the cause of peace. I would also like to recognize the many American personnel who have participated in UN peacekeeping operations, including most recently, U.S. Army Brigadier General Hugh Van Roosen who will be the new Chief of Staff of the UN Mission in Liberia.

Since the first UN peacekeeping mission which was created on this day sixty-four years ago, civilian and military personnel have served under the UN flag in 67 operations around the world. Because of their work, the world is safer and more secure. The United States is committed to UN peacekeeping operations, and to a more peaceful world”

See Also: [U.S. Envoy Rice on International Day of U.N. Peacekeepers](#)

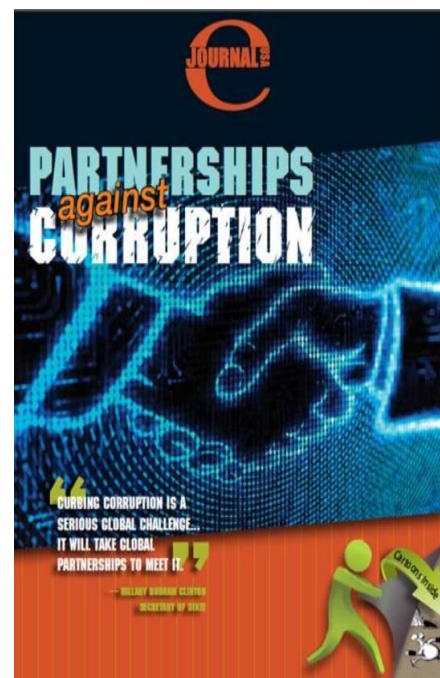
## **eJournal USA: Partnerships Against Corruption**

Corruption is a problem that has beset public and private institutions — and hindered economic and social advancement — since ancient times.

It is now a well established principle that governments cannot fight corruption alone. The private sector and civil society must be actively engaged in shining a light on graft and stopping corrupt practices. National and local governments have been working with business and civil society to ensure that public procurements are conducted in a transparent and honest manner. Many governments are also partnering with business and nongovernmental groups to enhance transparency in industries prone to corruption. These initiatives have led to more efficient and effective use of public funds.

Private citizens and organizations can serve not only as watchdogs for government action, but they can also play a vital role in promoting integrity within their own spheres of influence. This principle has been enshrined in the U.N. Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC), the nearly universal — ratified by 158 countries and the European Union — and most comprehensive international anti-corruption treaty. Broad coverage of preventive and punitive measures, provisions on international cooperation and the return of the proceeds of corruption and a mechanism to monitor the implementation of the treaty make it a potent weapon against national and transnational corruption.

*This issue of eJournal USA — “Partnerships Against Corruption” — provides a range of perspectives on the benefits and challenges of public-private partnerships and international cooperation in combating corruption. It also offers concrete examples of how such partnerships are being used effectively. We hope this publication will generate discussions, ideas and action aimed at broadening the range of opportunities for collaboration in tackling corruption.*



[For a PDF version of e-Journal click the link](#)



### **Fairhaven Project: Science-Maritime Education Program**

The Fairhaven Project at the Northeast Maritime Institute (NMI) brings three Palestinians and three Israelis (between 17-19 years old) to the U.S. to NMI's facilities in Fairhaven, Massachusetts from July 1th through August 4th, 2012. NMI covers the visa expenses, round-trip airfare and food and living expenses. The goal is to promote science-maritime education and cooperation between neighboring peoples.

For more information about the program: <http://www.northeastmaritime.com>.

NMI Contact information:

Laura Frazier

32 Washington Street

Fairhaven, Mass. 02719 USA

Email: [laura@northeastmaritime.com](mailto:laura@northeastmaritime.com)

**Deadline: June 1, 2012.**

### **The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem Announces the 2013 Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program**

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) are pleased to announce the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program for FY 2013.

The Fulbright FLTA Program is a nine-month non-degree program that provides young teachers of English an opportunity to refine their teaching skills, increase their English language proficiency, and extend their knowledge of the society and culture of the United States. FLTAs work as teaching assistants for their native language (Arabic) to U.S. students, thus strengthening foreign language instruction at U.S. colleges and universities. Fulbright FLTA participants also interact with their host communities in conversation groups, extracurricular activities, and community outreach projects. Fulbright FLTA participants must return to their home countries upon completion of the program.

**Deadline: July 30, 2012.**

#### **See Also:**

#### **U.S. Government Expands Program for International Students**

الحكومة الأميركية توسع البرنامج الخاص بالطلبة الأجانب

#### **Immigrants to U.S. Pursue Their Diploma Dreams**

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